

Sentences and Sentence Fragments B

2a. A **sentence** is a word or word group that contains a subject and a verb and that expresses a complete thought.

A **sentence fragment** is a word or word group that is capitalized and punctuated as a sentence but that does not contain both a subject and a verb or does not express a complete thought.

FRAGMENT Described ancient cities of Mexico. [no subject]

FRAGMENT Which we had found in this magazine. [incomplete thought]

SENTENCE The articles, which we had found in this magazine, described ancient cities of Mexico.

EXERCISE A Decide whether each group of words is a sentence or a sentence fragment. On the line provided, write *S* for *sentence* or *F* for *fragment*.

Example F 1. Gardens where Emperor Maximilian and Empress Carlota strolled.

- _____ 1. Cuernavaca, a city in Mexico.
- _____ 2. The famous Spanish explorer Cortés lived in a palace there.
- _____ 3. The Spaniards arrived in 1521.
- _____ 4. The resort with its tropical climate and hot springs.
- _____ 5. From the dining room at Las Mañanitas.

EXERCISE B Each item below shows a sentence fragment. On the lines provided, rewrite the fragment to make it into a sentence.

Example 1. *Fragment:* Enjoyed seeing the sights and meeting the people. My cousins and I
 enjoyed seeing the sights and meeting the people.

6. *Fragment:* Our driver Cesar, who was a guide at the ruins. _____

7. *Fragment:* Made our way back. _____

8. *Fragment:* Waiting at the hotel. _____

9. *Fragment:* Our cameras, which we took with us. _____

10. *Fragment:* A pair of binoculars. _____